

**THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, August 3, 2015**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Members of the Greenwich Township Board of Supervisors met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 3, 2015, in the Township Building. Chairman Victor Berger called the meeting to order at 7:33p.m. with member Harry Hoppes present. Also in attendance were Engineer Dennis Smaglinski, Solicitor Kevin Musheno, Zoning Officer John Stine, Roadmaster Bobby Follweiler and Secretary Joni McPike. Supervisor Jacqueline Hollenbach was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Berger informed the audience that this meeting was being recorded principally to aid in the preparation of the minutes and for such other purposes as the Board sees fit.

The Board of Supervisors went into executive session on Friday, July 31, 2015 from 7:00a.m. to 8:40a.m. to discuss personnel and possible litigation matters.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Reading of the Minutes of July 6, 2015 Regular Board Meeting was waived since copies of the Minutes were distributed before the meeting. On **motion** by Supervisor Hoppes, seconded by Supervisor Berger, and approved by both members present, the minutes were accepted as presented and the tape recording ordered to be erased.

PLANS TO REVIEW:

Grace Kunkel – (MSDV) Sketch Plan for Record – waiver request: Daryl Kunkel present on behalf of the owners. The Planning Commission elected to withhold a conditional approval recommendation due to outstanding items, which include two waiver requests. Engineer Smaglinski gave an overview of the plan and the outstanding items along with the two waiver requests. On **motion** by Supervisor Berger, seconded by Supervisor Hoppes, and approved by both members present, to approve waivers of SALDO Sections 502.3 (related to Street Widths) and 602.9 (related to Monuments), as presented. Engineer Smaglinski informed the Board that this plan is to be revised in accordance with comments from his review letter dated July 15, 2015, and resubmitted to the Planning Commission for its review and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

George Estate – Sewage Module Planning Exemption: On **motion** by Supervisor Hoppes, seconded by Supervisor Berger, and approved by both members present, to authorize Secretary McPike to sign the modules.

Monthly Subdivision & Land Development Plan Status Report: Report was reviewed, and discussion was held regarding the Dean and Dena Bruno - Wessner Road MSDV and Krick - MSDV plans and their deadline dates. The Dean and Dena Bruno - Wessner Road MSDV will remain on the report for one (1) more month unless the Subdividers submit a Preliminary Plan to the Township on or before September 29, 2014 pursuant to SALDO Section 304.1, but the Krick - MSDV plan is to be removed and re-listed when the new plans are submitted or on August 26, 2015, whichever occurs first. All previous deadlines for the Township, the Planning Commission and the Subdividers/Developers have been satisfied. Monthly monitoring of this report will continue.

HEARING VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frederick Germann, P.E. re: Zettlemoyer Bridge: Mr. Germann, an independent engineer, came before the Board to discuss possible options to repair and maintain Zettlemoyer Bridge. Discussion was held regarding specific structure diagrams and inspection reports he received from Berks County and PennDot, which had been forwarded to the Township prior to this meeting for the Board's review. Mr. Germann indicated that he would pursue options for the repair of the Bridge for a price and submit a proposal to the Township to consider. The Board acknowledged the information received and thanked Mr. Germann for his time and investigative research regarding Zettlemoyer Bridge. The Board invited him to come back and present his findings to the Board for consideration.

Jane Meeks, Berks County re: discuss rural recycling program: Jane Meeks, of Berks County, came before the Board to discuss Berks County Solid Waste Authority's Rural Recycling program. She gave a brief description of the changes they have made over the years to improve the economics of the program. Jane stated that the Authority spends about \$12,000 a year just to run the Greenwich Township recycling program location, and further described the major concerns affecting the economics of the Greenwich Township location. Jane stated that the program for Greenwich Township continues to get worse as more and more non-recyclable trash has been put into or left by the bins. She asked the Board of Supervisors if they are interested in keeping the program for Greenwich Township and if so, what kind of support and/or resources might the Township be willing to provide to help reduce the trash issue, and thus enable the continuation of this program. The Board agreed that this is a good program for the Township; however, the Greenwich Township location's proximity to I-78 has led to nonresidents to dump garbage there without detection. The Township does not have the manpower to monitor the bins every day, nor does it have trash pickup at the Township building. The Board offered to put up additional signs to help reduce the trash problem, and give it a couple of months to see what happens.

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Ms. Meeks stated that the bins get changed on Mondays and Fridays, and she asked the Township to notify the Authority's driver when the bins are full so as to avoid unnecessary trips to Greenwich Township when the bins are not full.

Susan Ensinger, 253 Long Road; re: Zettlemoyer Bridge: Susan asked if the Board of Supervisors has heard any more about the Bridge since the last meeting. Supervisor Berger stated that he is waiting to hear back from his contact, so there is nothing new to report at this time. Susan informed the Board that there have been more near accidents on Long Road along the "S" curve in the road, evidencing the safety and accessibility concerns of the Long Road residents.

Joe Sells, 10 Daniel Road: Mr. Sells asked the Board if there has been any final road design for the I-78 project and who they are taking property away from. Supervisor Hoppes stated that there is no final project design yet. The only work they are doing now is on the Rte 737 (Krumsville Road) Bridge and interchange, and road improvements to Long Lane Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Old 22 Road Survey Bid Comparisons: discussion tabled until next meeting.

Memorandum of Understanding document: Engineer Smaglinski gave an overview of this document, noting that the purpose is to enable collecting review fees for stormwater related projects. In consideration of Solicitor Becker's concerns that the two Act 167 plans, for Maiden Creek and Sacony Creek may already authorize review fees. Upon review of those two Act 167 plans, Engineer Smaglinski prepared a summary of the fee authorizations and presented it to the Board for review. He further recommended that these fees be incorporated into the new Township fee schedule. Engineer Smaglinski further identified differences between the two Ordinances. The new fee schedule will apply to both Act 167s and will consider the scope of the plan. Engineer Smaglinski will continue to work with Secretary McPike to create an updated Township fee schedule.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Temporary Mobile Home Permit Renewal: On motion by Supervisor Hollenbach, seconded by Supervisor Hoppes, and approved by both members present, the Temporary Mobile Home Permit requests for Jennifer Guerra, at 37 Circle Road, and Florabella Miller at 620 Wessner Road, for the 7/2015 to 7/2016 year, were approved.

PennDot Winter Maintenance Agreement Renewal: discussion tabled until next meeting.

Tax Collector request for exoneration for collection of Per Capita Tax totaling \$395.00: On motion by Supervisor Hoppes, seconded by Supervisor Berger, and approved by both members present, to approve the request for exoneration for the collection of Per Capita Tax totaling \$395.00.

Tax Collector request for reimbursement of expenses: discussion tabled until next meeting.

Appointment of Vacancy Board Chairman: On motion by Supervisor Hoppes, seconded by Supervisor Berger, and approved by both members present, Oscar Kleinsmith was appointed Township Vacancy Board Chairman.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster: Bobby Follweiler recommended the purchase of a chop saw to make saw-cutting the roads for repairs easier. Bobby also suggested that the Township purchase a jumping jack-style tamper instead of borrowing Maxatawny Township's tamper all the time, but such expenditure can wait and be added to next year's budget. On motion by Supervisor Hoppes, seconded by Supervisor Berger, and approved by both members present, approval was given for Bobby to spend up to \$2,000.00 from the Capital Purchase budget account for the purchase of the chop saw. Nothing more to report.

Zoning Officer: John Stine presented the Zoning Officer's report for July 2015. On motion by Supervisor Berger, seconded by Supervisor Hoppes, and approved by both members present, the Zoning Officer's report was accepted as presented.

Solicitor: Kevin Musheno gave updated information regarding the Debra Day sewage matter. He stated that several communications have been sent to Ms. Day's attorney, but no response has been received. On July 24, 2015, Solicitor Becker sent a follow up to his July 6, 2015 email indicating that if the Township does not hear back from them, the Township is expecting Ms. Day to have this project completed by the end of the 2015 construction season. Otherwise, the Township will take whatever actions are needed, including the eviction of Ms. Day. Discussion was held on the timing involved with this matter. The Board stated that if they do not respond by October 15, 2015; the Solicitor is to proceed with action as necessary.

Engineer: Dennis Smaglinski reminded the Board that Trumbull Corp intends to use four (4) properties for I-78 spoil disposal as indicated in the Municipal Land Use Letter from Stackhouse Bensinger that was received several months ago. Dennis contacted Stackhouse Bensinger to clarify which properties were to be used as Greenwich Township's municipal property was the only property being discussed at the meetings related to spoil disposal. Dennis further described the plans and sites involved in the spoil disposal plan, including information about required NPDES permits. The Board authorized Dennis to contact Stackhouse Bensinger for additional information regarding the status of permitting for the properties involved in the spoil disposal project.

Dennis Smaglinski informed the Board that he performed a rain garden inspection at the Folino Estate Winery on July 20, 2015. At that time, he was told by Marco Folino that he had received a complaint from a resident across Old 22 regarding some flooding from drainage across Old 22 from Folino's property. Mr. Folino and his excavator looked at it and found a collapsed pipe end on the Glendale Farms side. Dennis Smaglinski was asked to inform the Board that instead of suggesting that the Resident start complaint procedures to the Township, Marco had his Excavator replace the end of the pipe. The Resident was happy and no further complaints have been received. Dennis then gave an update on the construction and future inspections of Folino's Winery project.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Approval of Escrow Release request: none at this time

Approval of bills & transfers; On **motion** by Supervisor Hoppes, seconded by Supervisor Berger, approved by both members present, bills and transfers totaling \$73,535.21 were ordered to be paid as presented for the period of 07/07/2015 to 08/03/2015.

Treasurer Report for Months Ending July 2015: On **motion** by Supervisor Berger, seconded by Supervisor Hoppes, and approved by both members present, the Treasurer Report was accepted as presented, subject to audit.

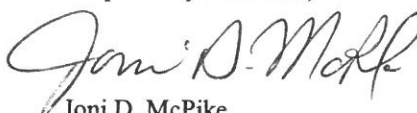
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

On **motion** by Supervisor Hoppes, seconded by Supervisor Berger, and approved by both members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joni D. McPike
Secretary/Treasurer